

WS2 - MODAL VERBS OF DEDUCTION

In the Past

Match each situation to the correct deduction.

SITUATIONS:

1. The table is set, and the food is steaming hot.
2. His phone has 20 missed calls, and he looks worried.
3. There's a pile of unopened mail on her desk.
4. The car's windshield is broken, and there's a tree branch on the ground nearby.
5. The streetlights are still on even though it's daytime.
6. The teacher looks upset, and the students are silent.
7. The ground is wet, and there are puddles everywhere.
8. She's holding a trophy and smiling for the cameras.

DEDUCTIONS:

- A. Someone must have cooked the food.
- B. He might have been in a meeting and couldn't answer his phone.
- C. She can't have checked her mail recently.
- D. A storm must have caused the damage to the car.
- E. The lights might have been left on by accident.
- F. The students must have done something wrong.
- G. It must have rained earlier.
- H. She must have won a competition.

